

NINE HELD IN SLAYING

Arrests, However, Fail to Establish Clue to Man Who Killed Schnurr.

The arrest of nine characters known to the police as living outside the law has failed so far to solve the mystery of the shooting of Frederick Schnurr, who was killed Saturday night at First and R streets northwest.

SLUTS IN CONFERENCE.
"The men who have been arrested by detectives," Chief of Detectives Clifford L. Grant said today, "are being detained at various precincts pending an investigation. In the round-up that my men made we took nine into custody, but so far we have not been able to determine whether they know anything about the crime. We are not going to leave a stone unturned until we run down Schnurr's slayer."

Detectives working on the case were in conference with the detective chief of the morning, but they would not divulge their plans. They feel confident they will run down the perpetrators of the crime in a few hours.

It was hoped that in the net spread throughout the city for suspicious characters men would be caught who could help clear up some of the robberies and hold-ups that have occurred in the city in the last months, but nothing has been learned of the unsolved crimes.

Most of the men being held are "professionals" and are "wise" to the police methods of grilling.

NO INFLUX OF GUNMEN.
Grant said today that he does not believe there has been an influx of gunmen into the city as a result of the war that has been waged upon them in the large cities of the North and Middle West.

The men arrested "pending an investigation" have been known to the police here for years, and their every movement has been watched. One reason given for the criminal steering clear of Washington is that the judges here impose extremely heavy penalties.

Coroner Nevitt has summoned a jury to inquire this afternoon into the death of Schnurr. It is probable the police will ask for a postponement to afford them an opportunity to make further investigations.

Funeral services for Schnurr will be held tomorrow morning at St. Mary's Church, Fifth and H streets northwest, where a mass of requiem will be sung at 10 o'clock. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

NAME JUDGES FOR G. U. LAW SCHOOL DEBATE

Question is Referendum for Amendments.
Albert Schulteis, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Thomas Bradley, president of the Board of Trade, are among the judges of the third prize debate of the Georgetown University Law School the evening of February 11. Others who will act as judges are Congressman Ladislav Lasko, of Louisiana; Maurice D. Rosenberg, and Thomas W. Brannan.

The question for debate will be on submitting all future amendments to the Constitution to a vote of the people. Frank W. Cullen, twenty-one, of New York, president of the Senior Debating Society, will preside.

Upholding the affirmative will be John Allan Thomas, twenty-two, of South Carolina; Joseph Antoine Cantrell, twenty-two, of New Jersey; and R. W. Brennan, twenty-two, of New York, members of the Junior Debating Society. The Senior debaters will uphold the negative. They are Joseph Emmet O'Neill, twenty, of Montana; Lawrence J. Hogan, twenty-one, of Rhode Island, and Lieut. C. C. McCall, U. S. A.

'Hicks' Jump at \$12,000 Federal Jobs, But All Are Due for Big Bump

"You can take the 'hick' out of the country, but you can't take the 'country' out of the 'hick.'" This may have been the thought of George R. Cooksey, assistant to Secretary of the Treasury Houston, today, as he gazed at a mass of letters and telegrams from all sections of the country in answer to the announcement which went out from the Secretary's office last week that two men willing to "hire out" at \$12,000 a year were eagerly sought by the Treasury.

The "jobs," which are on the directorate of the War Finance Corporation, were described as "easy work, short hours, self-running offices, unpolished comforts when at work, unlimited mechanical help and office luxuries, besides big pay."

DELUGE OF LETTERS.
The catchily phrased notice brought a deluge of letters from blacksmiths, hack drivers, farm laborers and others who were willing to "hire out" at \$12,000 a year each, for a term of four years. A few of them, remembering past experiences with Postmaster General Burleson's mail delivery system, preferred to apply by telegram. One man, evidently a Socialist, in applying for the job, declared it was about time the Government turned to the "common people" to fill jobs of this nature.

The only trouble is that the mass of people who have jumped for these \$12,000 jobs lack a sense of humor," said Cooksey. "Evidently they failed to catch the point that only 'available' jobs are sought. That means the

CLAMS 'RING' SELLS CRACKS

Former Salesman Aiding in War on Medicated Whiskey Bares Secrets of Trade.

It will only be a matter of a few days before every patented drug preparation which is being sold in Washington near-beer saloons, fruit stands and grocery stores, and which is being "used extensively and in violation of the national prohibition act," will be driven from the market. This is the announcement made today at prohibition headquarters.

REVOKES MAKERS' PERMIT.
Complaints made to the Prohibition officials during the past few weeks against these concoctions have been numerous, and today one of the manufacturers of a well-known brand of patented medicine was notified by the legal department that his permit had been revoked.

Major Harry E. Gessford, superintendent of a police, is only waiting word from the prohibition officials before starting to "clean up." He has on several occasions announced that these beverages are being sold to the menace of the health of the community and says he will push his force to the limit to rid the city of their sale, if he can get authority from the prohibition officials.

Dr. William H. Fowler, District Health Officer, is considered their worst enemy by the manufacturers of the preparations which are under fire, and he has on several occasions been the means of putting them out of business. He has also been working on the sale of the preparations and has warned the prohibition officials that if they do not take action under the National Prohibition Act that he will try and find a means of removing the concoctions from the market under the health regulations and the Pure Food and Drug Act.

"TONGUE" AGENT GIVES AID.
One Washington man, who was the wholesale agent for one of the most popular drinks, but who quit the business when he was told by the prohibition officials that the business was morally wrong if not legally so, is giving information to the prohibition officials that probably will hasten their work.

The wholesale dealers of these concoctions, he told the prohibition officials today, are in many cases paying the fines of the dealers who are arrested for selling their beverages, and are giving information to the prohibition officials that they will not be molested hereafter.

This same man when he was informed by the prohibition officials that the business he was in was wrong, went to the District manager of the manufacturer in Baltimore and told him what the prohibition officials had told him and that he was going out of business. The district manager told him he says, that he "did not see the right people in Washington and that if he did, he would be allowed to continue business."

Reports have reached the local prohibition officers that the manufacturers of some of the beverages have been charging the customers fifty cents a case additional recently, explaining that the fifty cents was being paid for "protection." A total of more than fifteen preparations have been listed by the local prohibition officials as being fit for beverage purposes, and the list is being added to daily as chemical analysis of the Bureau of Technology of the Internal Revenue Bureau shows the absence of medicinal ingredients and the presence of too much alcohol in the concoctions which have been submitted to them by local prohibition officers.

AUDUBON SOCIETY TO ILLUSTRATE LECTURE

Illustrated lectures by Dr. Harold C. Bryant and Dr. L. H. Miller will feature the annual meeting of the Audubon Society of the District of Columbia at the National Museum tomorrow night.

The lectures are given in co-operation with the National Park Service. The business meeting for members will be given at 7:45 o'clock.

MAKING part of the trip from Omaha, Neb., by airplane, Mrs. Draper Smith, of Omaha, and Mrs. H. H. Wheeler, of Lincoln, two white-haired grandmothers, arrived in Washington Sunday to deliver the electoral vote of their State. Both women expressed regret that they were unable to make the entire trip by airplane, as the trip by plane to Des Moines was so comfortable. Left to right: Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock, Mrs. H. H. Wheeler, Mrs. Draper Smith, Congressman C. Frank Reavis.



UNDERWOOD & UNDERWOOD

PLAN SHUBERT VARIETY HOUSE

Theater in Capital to Be Link in Big Vaudeville Circuit, Announcement Says.

Announcement from New York that the Shuberts plan a big vaudeville circuit with Washington as one of the cities to be represented caused a great deal of talk among the theatrical managers and vaudeville patrons here today.

Just what their plans are for Washington could not be learned, but it is known that the Shuberts have been considering a vaudeville circuit for some time. The Shuberts now control three theaters in Washington, the Belasco, Poli's, and the Garrick.

MAY BUILD NEW HOUSE.
If the Shuberts do get their vaudeville circuit working, it is probable that they will not use one of their legitimate houses, but will enter into negotiations for a new theater. Some time ago, it was learned today, the Shuberts made overtures to the Cosmos Theater Company which has in contemplation the erection of a new theater at Thirteenth and E streets northwest, and which will occupy more than one-quarter of the block. Just how far the negotiations had progressed could not be learned.

There is also a project to build a theater on Connecticut avenue on the site of the old Convent of the Visitation, and this project was also mentioned today as a possible Shubert vaudeville house.

HOUSE SHORTAGE REMEDY WANTED

Relief Measures Will Be Discussed at Conference Here Thursday and Friday.

Remedies for the shortage of houses throughout the United States will be sought at housing conferences to be held by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States Thursday and Friday.

Representatives of Government, industrial, commercial, and civic life and construction interests from all sections of the country will be present.

Among those who will address the meeting are Joseph H. DeForest, president of Chamber of Commerce of the United States; Senator William H. Calder, Ernest T. Trigg, of Philadelphia, president of the National Federation of Construction Industries; John A. Voll, of the Ohio State Federation of Labor; Homer L. Ferguson, Charles Nagel, former Secretary of Labor, and others.

It is estimated that at present there is a shortage of 1,250,000 houses in the United States.

GOV. HARDING TO SPEAK AT KIWANIAN MEET

Governor W. P. G. Harding, of the Federal Reserve Board, and Robert L. Downing, the evangelist-actor who is playing in "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" at the Schubert-Garrick Theater this week, will share honors at the weekly luncheon of the Kiwanis Club Thursday afternoon at the Hotel Washington. Both will speak and are expected to give some "inside" light on their respective "jobs."

Last week Ernest Thompson Seton, noted naturalist and advocate of fewer clothes, addressed the luncheon. Secretary Winslow, in this week's Kiwanis Bulletin, has this to say of Mr. Seton:

"We were all interested in Ernest Thompson Seton's address and his imitations of the wild. It is not expected, however, that the members of this club will adopt the 'back-to-nature' style of dress before summer, unless they join Charlie Sonne down in Cuba. Even then I believe they will find Charlie clothed with Twentieth Century garments."

The passing bell was rung in England re-Reformation time for the dying as well as after death.

MD. VOTE MAY BE RULED OUT

Electoral College Blunder Threatens to Disfranchise State in Presidential Count.

Will Maryland be disfranchised, so far as its vote for President last fall is concerned?

This question today is puzzling members of the Maryland Electoral College.

FEAR ADDRESS WRONG.
Although the electoral vote was dispatched by special messenger to the Vice President late last night, it is said that the envelope containing the certificate of the vote was improperly sealed and addressed.

While members of the Maryland Electoral College believed the vote had been mailed to the Vice President, it was not until last night that it was discovered it had not been dispatched.

The time limit for the Vice President to have received the electoral vote was last night. The vote was received three hours before.

Although the vote of the Electoral College was rushed by special messenger to this city last night, it was stated this morning that it was not certified as required by law, and was not delivered by the Electoral College appointed by the vote.

LIABLE TO \$1,000 FINE.
Failure to deliver the certificate may be held against Charles ("Buck") Taylor, assistant superintendent of public buildings, in Baltimore, the official messenger. He is therefore liable of a \$1,000 fine for neglect of the Maryland officials.

President-elect Harding received a 52,000 majority in the November election in Maryland.

Vice President Marshall today will deliver the certificate of Maryland's vote at his home late last night. This morning he delivered the certificate to the Vice President.

Members of the Electoral College of Maryland fear the certificate is not in proper form, as it is said the envelope is simply addressed, "The Vice President, Washington, D. C." The law requires that the sealed envelope bear on the outside the statement that inside is the certificate of Maryland's vote. This statement must be signed by the secretary of state of Maryland and sealed with the Maryland seal.

PUEZZLED AT BLUNDER.
Washington officials were puzzled today as to how Maryland could have made such blunders. James W. Owens, of Annapolis, secretary of the Maryland Democratic Electoral College meetings, had been pressed into service as assistant secretary when the Republicans met on January 10, and it was believed he would have properly guided the Republicans.

Discovery that Maryland's electoral vote had not been sent to the Vice President was made a little before 6 o'clock last night. Frantic efforts to retrieve the elements of the dramatic was made to retrieve the blunders and get Maryland's ballot certificate to the Vice President of the United States by midnight as required by law.

The Maryland electors were in absolute ignorance of the failure of the college secretary, L. Edward Wolf, of Baltimore, to dispatch the electoral vote to the Vice President.

When William G. Albrecht, president of the college, learned of the predicament he got busy. Secretary Wolf was found to be sick in bed, but when he learned that he was liable to a fine of \$1,000, he left his bed and answered the telephone.

WHAT LAW REQUIRES.
Wolf said he had neglected to mail a copy to the Vice President. The law requires that one copy be mailed, and to provide for emergency in the event of the mail failing, another copy be delivered in Washington by messenger.

A third copy must be given to the United States district judge in the case of a contested election. Judge John C. Rose, of Baltimore.

Not only had Wolf neglected to mail a copy, but he had made no provision for delivery of the Washington copy, nor had he sent a copy to the United States district judge.

The three copies of the certificate were in a safe in Wolf's office in Baltimore, and he gave the messenger the keys to the safe. But the messenger, "Buck" Taylor, could not be found. Albrecht, as well as Wolf, had visions of that \$1,000 fine. In the meantime, Wolf insisted upon going to his office in an automobile, going to his office from the safe. Wolf handed one of them to Fred Ostendorf, of his office staff, and ordered him to take the envelope to Washington.

Both Albrecht and Wolf declared they had the erroneous impression that the copy of the electoral vote did not have to reach the Vice President until February 9, the day before the joint session of Congress in the canvass of the States' votes is made.

VICE PRESIDENT GONE.
The office of Vice President Marshall was reached by phone. Mr. Marshall said he would wait a while for the messenger. It was 9 o'clock when Ostendorf reached Mr. Marshall's office in the Capitol. Mr. Marshall had departed, having another engagement.

Ostendorf attempted to leave the certificate with the Capitol officer, who, when learning of the \$1,000 fine impending, declared: "Nothing doing." Then Ostendorf declared: "Bring it up to my home." Thistlewaite suggested.

"It is not in proper form," said Thistlewaite, when he saw it. Ostendorf blushed. "But I will hand the envelope to Vice President Marshall in the morning," added Thistlewaite. "He will be able to decide whether the certificate as presented will be

Don Spring Hats As City Shivers

Bright Colors to Rule This Spring—Fruit Trimmings Go.

As per usual. That is the only way to begin this story. The girls are coming out on their spring hats. It happens regularly every mid-winter, like the North star. Never mind if the temperature is hovering around forty degrees.

Bright colors will be worn this spring, hennas, grays, and reds. Gray will be the leading shade. Hats now being shown at the millinery shops are all in the line of toques, tans and sailor effects. The soft effect will be the special vogue this season.

Silk draped hats are being offered for the first of the season. Flowers as decorations will again be used this spring. Little clusters and bunches are fastened to the crown at a smart angle. Fruit trimmings of last season, such as grapes, peaches, and cherries, are in the discard.

Millinery shops are displaying spring hats. One proprietor said she was selling only spring hats, in fact, she had no other kind in stock.

"I am selling spring hats every day," she said. "All indications are that the season of spring millinery is on and will soon be in full swing."

MILK TO DROP TO 16 CENTS

The price of milk will drop from 17 to 16 cents a quart on February 1. This announcement by local milk distributors today came as a result of the decision yesterday of the Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers' Association to cut their wholesale

price from 40 to 36 cents a gallon. This is the second time within a month this association has cut its price by 4 cents. Each 4-cent reduction in the wholesale price makes possible 1 cent a quart drop in retail charge.

There is some milk on the market that must be disposed of, said Thomas McLaughlin, secretary and manager of the association, when asked today the reason for the reduction. A surplus of milk caused the producers on January 1 to cut their milk from 44 to 40 cents a gallon.

A further reduction in prices is expected within the next few months. The cost of feed today is lower than any time in several years. However, farmers purchased their feed supply while the high prices were being charged and the milk price will not be effected until this supply is exhausted. It will take two or three months for the farmers to get rid of their present food supply.

Hope was held out today for milk as low as 10 to 12 cents a quart by summer. Local distributors predict that the price will probably be reduced to 15 cents and even 14 cents a quart.

While the majority of stores will sell at 16 cents, many chain stores are planning to reduce to 15 cents and even 14 cents a quart.

acceptable. If it isn't, of course, he can send to Judge Rose for his copy." "But Judge Rose hasn't got a copy," he was told.

"Then Maryland stands a chance of being disfranchised, so far as its vote for President last fall is concerned," Thistlewaite rejoined.

Albrecht stated today that Wolf had been instructed to mail a copy immediately after the college adjourned. Wolf didn't. He put the certificates in his safe. Then he became ill about two weeks ago, and none of the electors thought any more about it until they were urged last night to act swiftly in the matter.

Actor Jokes on Stage About His 2 Wives; One Starts Law After Him

Because Melville Webster (Jack) Childs, a vaudeville performer on the Keith circuit, "stepped out of his character," in a dialogue between himself and his wife, a seventeen-year-old Washington girl, and made some facetious remark about having two wives, he was before the District Supreme Court today on an application by the girl-wife to have her marriage annulled.

Both parties to the litigation are professional artists and have appeared together on several circuits in sketches of their own composition. Mrs. Childs, who ever she is wife No. 2, asked the District court to decree her marriage null and void and give her back her maiden name of Rose Lee, which she is now using in musical comedy.

Subpoenas were issued by the clerk of the court for Childs to answer the bill of his wife filed by Attorney Raymond Neudecker, it being alleged that Childs is out of the city at this time.

Mrs. Childs No. 2 stated to the court that she had heard from him in Martin's Ferry, Ohio, where his company played one night. Since that time, she averred, she has received no word regarding his whereabouts and has been unable to trace him through the theatrical press.

HER SUSPICION ROUSED.
Mrs. Childs alleged that while they were working in the South, after their marriage in Augusta, Ga., March 15 last, Childs "stepped out of his role" one night and facetiously remarked that it was well he had more than one wife. The wife thought nothing about the remark at the time, she stated, but when she pondered on it her suspicions

SHUN TRACTION MERGER AGAIN

D. C. Committee Expected to Sidetrack All Plans Touching Street Car Reform.

Again the much mooted street railway merger question, like Banquo's ghost, is coming up to trouble the conscience of the House District Committee.

Even if the District committee does intend to wash its hands of the vexatious problem by leaving it stealthily on the door-step of the House, carefully swathed in regulatory clothes, it is not likely the leaders of that body will open the door to take it in during the thirty-four remaining legislative days of the session.

ALL RECOGNIZE NECESSITY.
It is possible that the delicate problem of merging Washington's two street railway systems will be sidetracked for the remainder of the session at the meeting of the committee tomorrow, after a brief period of buffeting it back and forth across the committee table. There are half a dozen bills seeking to regulate the traction systems this way and that, with result an agreement on any single measure is unlikely.

One good effect of tomorrow's session will be to clarify the already muddled situation that envelops it in committee. Virtually all the members, from Chairman Mapes down, are agreed that there is need for remedial legislation to cure the ails of Washington's street car service, the eight-cent car-fare. A thorough discussion of the problems will serve to condense opposing views to a minimum.

The members of the committee, who have been grappling with the problem for the best part of a year, are anxious to get it off their minds and may be counted upon to do their best to reach some definite conclusions before the end of the session at any rate.

SWAMPED WITH DATA.
Congressman Woods of Virginia, who knows something about traction problems through actual personal experience back home, intends to press for the consideration of his own bill, which has the O. K. of the District Commissioners. Chairman Mapes, also, has been constructing a measure of his own, representing the various views of all concerned, which he is anxious to be reported as the committee's bill. Then, too, Congressman Ben Johnson of Kentucky, former Democratic chairman of the committee has some very definite ideas of how the merger of the two systems should be brought about.

All these questions, with their divergent views, will be brought up in executive session tomorrow with a result that the committee expects to meet considerable headway in the direction of a final report—unless the legislative jam in the House convinces members that it would be useless to try to do anything further with merger legislation at this time.

It is quite apparent to the minds of the committee that further hearings on the bills are unnecessary. During the hearings at the last session, the District officials unloaded volumes of statistics and arguments, pro and con, with a result that the committee now is virtually swamped with information.

"SAY IT WITH FLOWERS" MAN IS SPEAKER HERE

Major F. P. O'Keefe, of Boston, who originated the phrase "say it with flowers," addressed the Advertising Club at the Raleigh Hotel this afternoon. Major O'Keefe is in Washington on the matter of a big advertising campaign. An innovation was inaugurated at the meeting, when each member was required to introduce the man of his left, and tell about the other fellow's business.

Major O'Keefe, of Boston, who originated the phrase "say it with flowers," addressed the Advertising Club at the Raleigh Hotel this afternoon. Major O'Keefe is in Washington on the matter of a big advertising campaign. An innovation was inaugurated at the meeting, when each member was required to introduce the man of his left, and tell about the other fellow's business.

Major O'Keefe, of Boston, who originated the phrase "say it with flowers," addressed the Advertising Club at the Raleigh Hotel this afternoon. Major O'Keefe is in Washington on the matter of a big advertising campaign. An innovation was inaugurated at the meeting, when each member was required to introduce the man of his left, and tell about the other fellow's business.

Major O'Keefe, of Boston, who originated the phrase "say it with flowers," addressed the Advertising Club at the Raleigh Hotel this afternoon. Major O'Keefe is in Washington on the matter of a big advertising campaign. An innovation was inaugurated at the meeting, when each member was required to introduce the man of his left, and tell about the other fellow's business.

Major O'Keefe, of Boston, who originated the phrase "say it with flowers," addressed the Advertising Club at the Raleigh Hotel this afternoon. Major O'Keefe is in Washington on the matter of a big advertising campaign. An innovation was inaugurated at the meeting, when each member was required to introduce the man of his left, and tell about the other fellow's business.

Major O'Keefe, of Boston, who originated the phrase "say it with flowers," addressed the Advertising Club at the Raleigh Hotel this afternoon. Major O'Keefe is in Washington on the matter of a big advertising campaign. An innovation was inaugurated at the meeting, when each member was required to introduce the man of his left, and tell about the other fellow's business.

Major O'Keefe, of Boston, who originated the phrase "say it with flowers," addressed the Advertising Club at the Raleigh Hotel this afternoon. Major O'Keefe is in Washington on the matter of a big advertising campaign. An innovation was inaugurated at the meeting, when each member was required to introduce the man of his left, and tell about the other fellow's business.

Major O'Keefe, of Boston, who originated the phrase "say it with flowers," addressed the Advertising Club at the Raleigh Hotel this afternoon. Major O'Keefe is in Washington on the matter of a big advertising campaign. An innovation was inaugurated at the meeting, when each member was required to introduce the man of his left, and tell about the other fellow's business.

Major O'Keefe, of Boston, who originated the phrase "say it with flowers," addressed the Advertising Club at the Raleigh Hotel this afternoon. Major O'Keefe is in Washington on the matter of a big advertising campaign. An innovation was inaugurated at the meeting, when each member was required to introduce the man of his left, and tell about the other fellow's business.